

AMENDENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

Claim 10. (new) An image communication apparatus comprising:

a program memory configured to store a program, the image communication apparatus being controlled based on the program;

a communicator configured to receive an updating program via a network;

an internal memory configured to store the received updating program, the internal memory being built in the image communication apparatus;

a memory slot configured to have an external memory card connected to the memory slot; and

a controller configured, when the updating program is received, to judge whether a data amount of the received updating program exceeds a capacity of the internal memory, to store the received program in the internal memory when the data amount of the received updating program is judged not to exceed the capacity of the internal memory, and to update the program stored in the program memory, based on the updating program stored in the internal memory,

the controller, when the a data amount of the received updating program is judged to exceed the capacity of the internal memory, being further configured to store the received program in the external memory card inserted into the memory slot, and to

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update the program stored in the program memory, based on the updating program stored in the external memory card.

Claim 11. (new) An image communication apparatus comprising:

a program memory configured to store a program, the image communication apparatus being controlled based on the program;

a communicator configured to receive an updating program via a network;

an internal memory configured to store the received updating program, the internal memory being built in the image communication apparatus;

a memory slot configured to have an external memory card connected to the memory slot; and

a controller configured, when the updating program is received, to judge whether a data amount of the received updating program exceeds a capacity of the internal memory, to store the received program in the internal memory when the data amount of the received updating program is judged not to exceed the capacity of the internal memory, and to update the program stored in the program memory, based on the updating program stored in the internal memory,

the controller, when the data amount of the received updating program is judged to exceed the capacity of the internal memory, being further configured to judge whether the external memory card is inserted into the memory slot, to store the received program in the external memory card when the external memory card is judged to be inserted into the memory slot, and to update the program stored in the program memory based on the updating program stored in the external memory card.

Claim 12. (new) The image communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the controller, when the external memory card is judged to be installed into the memory slot, judges whether or not the data amount of the received updating program exceeds a capacity of the external memory card, stores the received program in the external memory card when the data amount of the received updating program is judged not to exceed the capacity of the external memory card, and updates the program stored in the program memory based on the updating program stored in the external memory card.

Claim 13. (new) The image communication apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising a display configured to display a message, wherein the display displays an error message when the external memory card is judged not to be inserted into the memory slot.

Claim 14. (new) The image communication apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a display configured to display a message, wherein the display displays an error message when the data amount of the received updating program is judged to exceed the capacity of the external memory card.

Claim 15. (new) The image communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the controller transmits an error message to a transmitter of the received updating program when the external memory card is judged not to be inserted into the memory slot.

Claim 16. (new) The image communication apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the controller transmits an error message to a transmitter of the received

updating program when the data amount of the received updating program is judged to exceed the capacity of the external memory card.

Claim 17. (new) A data storage method of an image communication apparatus, the image communication apparatus comprising a program memory configured to store a program, the image communication apparatus being controlled based on the program, the image communication apparatus comprising a communicator configured to receive an updating program via a network and an internal memory configured to store the received updating program, the internal memory being built in the image communication apparatus, the image communication apparatus further comprising a memory slot configured to have an external memory card connected to the memory slot, the data storage method comprising:

judging whether a data amount of the received updating program exceeds a capacity of the internal memory, when the updating program is received;

storing the received program in the internal memory when the a data amount of the received updating program is judged not to exceed the capacity of the internal memory;

updating the program stored in the program memory, based on the updating program stored in the internal memory;

storing the received program in the external memory card inserted into the memory slot when the a data amount of the received updating program is judged to exceed the capacity of the internal memory; and

updating the program stored in the program memory, based on the updating program stored in the external memory card.

Claim 18. (new) A data storage method of an image communication apparatus, the image communication apparatus comprising a program memory configured to store a program, the image communication apparatus being controlled based on the program, the image communication apparatus comprising a communicator configured to receive an updating program via a network and an internal memory configured to store the received updating program, the internal memory being built in the image communication apparatus, the image communication apparatus further comprising a memory slot configured to have an external memory card connected to the memory slot, the data storage method comprising:

judging whether a data amount of the received updating program exceeds a capacity of the internal memory, when the updating program is received;

storing the received program in the internal memory when the data amount of the received updating program is judged not to exceed the capacity of the internal memory;

updating the program stored in the program memory, based on the updating program stored in the internal memory;

judging whether the external memory card is inserted into the memory slot, when the a data amount of the received updating program is judged to exceed the capacity of the internal memory;

storing the received program in the external memory card when the external memory card is judged to be inserted into the memory slot; and

updating the program stored in the program memory based on the updating program stored in the external memory card.